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**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Kindly amend the specification as follows:

At page 3, between lines 19 and 20, after the heading --BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION-- (added via amendment of November 22, 2004), delete the four (4) paragraphs added via the amendment of November 22, 2004 and insert the following paragraphs:

-- An aspect of the invention provides a method in a computer system for distributing user information for registered users from the computer system to collection kiosks located in publicly accessible locations. The method includes providing user information for registered users, receiving updates to the user information, and generating updated user information. For each of the collection kiosks, the updated user information is sent to and stored at the collection kiosk. The collection kiosk uses the update user information to verify whether users of the collection kiosk are registered. The collection kiosk has a measurement device for allowing the registered users to measure their own medical information at the collection kiosk.

Another aspect of the invention provides a method in a collection kiosk for retrieving updated user information. The method includes providing user information for registered users, sending a request for updated user information, in response to sending the request receiving the updated user information at a collection kiosk located in a publicly accessible location, updating the provided user information for the registered user in accordance with the received updated user information so that the collection kiosk can verify whether a user of the collection kiosk is registered, and storing the updated user information at the collection kiosk for subsequent requests. The collection kiosk has a measurement device for allowing

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each of the registered users to measure the user's own medical information at the collection kiosk.

According to still another aspect of the invention, an information collection system is provided which includes a central computer system for a web site and a plurality of collection kiosks located in publicly accessible locations for collecting information about users. The central computer system provides a repository for the information, provides web pages for registering users of the web site, and accesses the information. The collection kiosks verify whether a user is registered at the web site, and send the collected information to the central computer system when the user is registered. The collection kiosks have measurement devices for allowing the registered users to measure their own medical information at the collection kiosks.

In accordance with another aspect of the invention, a computer-based method for collecting medical information of users of a web site is provided. The users are registered at the web site when information about a user is collected at one of a plurality of collection kiosks, which are located in publicly accessible locations and have measurement devices for allowing the registered users to measure their own medical information at the collection kiosk. It is determined whether the user is registered at the website, and if registered, the collected information is sent to a computer system so that the collected information is accessible to the user through the web site. --